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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : முக்கியமாக கிராமப் பகுதிகளிலே கடன் வாங்குவது மிகவும் கஷ்டமாக இருக்கிறது என்று தெரிகிறது. ஆகவே இன்னும் அதிகமாக கஷ்டம் ஏற்படாமல் இருப்பதற்கு என்ன செய்யவேண்டுமோ, அதைச் செய்வதுதான் நல்லது என்று தோன்றுகிறது.

Smallpox

* 445 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether smallpox is widely prevalent in the Tindivanam town;

(*b*) the number of persons who lost their lives due to smallpox till 1st of May 1958; and

(*c*) the preventive steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No.

(*b*) There were 33 deaths from smallpox from the beginning of the year up to the week ended 3rd May 1958.

(*c*) Preventive measures such as disinfection of houses and intensive vaccination and revaccination of the population, etc., were carried out.

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Are the Government aware of the fact that the slum areas in the Tindivanam Municipality, where mostly Harijans live, have been badly neglected by the concerned medical authorities and no preventive measures have been taken in those areas?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir, I have no such information. If any epidemic breaks out, generally the authorities concerned first visit the slum areas and then take necessary steps.

Drainage system in Tiruchirappalli

* 446 *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to prevent the flow of Tiruchirappalli municipal drainage water into the Cauvery river at points above the bathing ghats on the southern bank?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir.

Nagapattinam Port

* 447 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the amount allotted for the improvement of the Nagapattinam Port during 1958–59?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : A sum of Rs. 2,42,000 has been provided in the Budget for 1958–59 for making improvements to the Port.